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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: J. Sauer)
Serial No.: 10/002,181)
Filing Date: December 5, 2001)
For: Method of Treating an)
Aluminum Surface)
Group Art Unit: 1733)
Examiner: John T. Haran)

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.312, please consider the following amendment to the specification of the above-referenced patent application. The amendment to the specification is needed to include a complete reference to the prior filed patent application, which the present application claims a domestic priority to under 35 U.S.C. § 120, and to the relationship of each application in the chain of applications relative to an immediate prior application to establish copendency throughout the entire chain.

Please amend the application as follows:

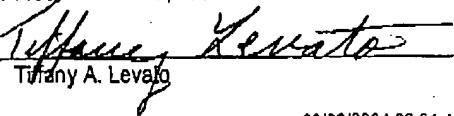
Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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